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Arno SCHULZ

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1. We do not have a Form 51/67 in our files on Subject.

Arno SCHULZ is Editor-in-Chief of the Social Democrat Berlin daily, the "Telegraf". There is a wide-spread impression in newspaper circles that he is active in British Intelligence or a subsidiary thereof, such as the Dutch I.S. Subject has a vitriolic pen, and the technical know-how of printing and publishing and together with widow Leber and LOEBE founded the newspaper which is strongly backed by the British. He has been described as a rather repulsive person at first glance. He is dark-complexioned with a very dark growth of beard. About forty years old, slightly fat, wears thick black-rimmed glasses, in all, he looks like ~~the typical Jewish type~~ a Jew, although he is not Jewish. He attended the University of Magdeburg and Berlin, graduating from the latter in the early thirties. He is a journalist by profession, and is also an expert on printing and publishing techniques. He was associated with one of the Social-Democratic newspapers of the pre-Hitler era and was arrested when the Nazis came to power but was released shortly thereafter; he was on probation for a year and a half and had to report twice daily to the local police. About 1936 subject established a newspaper clipping service which he maintained until late '40 when he left Berlin for Magdeburg fearing a call to military service. He kept just one step ahead of the draft board by moving from town to town thus managing to stay out of the Army throughout the war. In 1944 he went back to Berlin and was conscripted into the Volksturm. In the summer of 1945 he went to Hannover and became one of Schumacher's close assistants and from there he came back to Berlin sponsored by the British MG. Anti-Russian and proud of the "Telegraf" with its stand against Russia and the SED. He keeps a separate file on material against Russia and the SED not fit to print and receives letters from all over the Soviet Zone from people in all walks of life. Some of the material he receives is sent on to the British while representatives of the British IS have access to his separate file on Russia and the SED. He has stated that Americans are just as welcome to this file.

3. The above information which is in our file may prove of interest to you.

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